

AIR SEALING

Caulking

Hidden air leaks can cost you money in a number of ways. Sealing air leaks around your windows and baseboards using caulk is a quick fix that can make your home more comfortable and save you money on your energy bill.

Follow these three easy steps ↘



step one

Clean the area

Remove any remaining old caulk and paint, using a putty knife or a large screwdriver. Make sure the area is dry so you don't seal in moisture.



step two

Apply caulk

Cut the end of the tube of caulk at an angle to allow easiest flow for application. Run a bead of caulk around the window or baseboard, making sure it's completely filled.



step three

Smooth and remove excess

Using your finger or a caulk tool, smooth and remove excess caulk between the two surfaces. A wet cloth works best to remove excess caulk (only use this method with paintable caulk).



Caulking Tips: If the caulk shrinks, reapply it to form a smooth bead that will seal the crack completely. Use paintable caulk that is water soluble. Silicone caulk cannot be painted.